

Pharaoh Lakes Autumn Backpack Trip

Pharaoh Lake Wilderness

(a gem located between Lake George & Schroon Lake)



Leisurely backpacking & exploration in a very scenic area with the highest concentration of crystal clear lakes and ponds of any Adirondack region

Thursday - Saturday, Oct 13-15, 2011

We invite you to join us for a 3-day autumn backpack trip through the beautiful Pharaoh Lakes Wilderness. This backpack trip is a 20 mile end-to-end trip with opportunities to explore an area that once supported sawmills, graphite mines and tanneries after the Revolutionary War. Glaciers carved out this area leaving sharp cliff faces and valleys filled with beautiful glacial ponds, marshes and sandy soils. Forest fires have also left their effect on the area. The terrain for this trip will be gentle to moderate with optional side trips as time allows. This is a beautiful area (one of those that you wish others didn't know about) to spend a few days and hopefully we will have it to ourselves this time of year.

This trip is appropriate for beginning backpackers who have hiking experience as well as those who backpacking more frequently and are looking for others to share an experience with. The average daily backpack distance will be 6-7 miles. If all goes as expected, each night will be spent camping at a waterside campsite with side hikes for those who would like to explore a bit more once camp is set up. Our hope is to set up our camp near Rock Pond the first night. We should have time to visit the remnants of the abandoned graphite mine on this pond before heading off to the shores of Pharaoh Lake for our second night. We expect to see unique vistas of mountains, cliffs and wooded shorelines as we access varied waterfronts, rock ledges and quiet coves throughout our route. Expect this adventure to end later in the afternoon on Saturday.

We will meet to pack for the trip at a location near Schroon Lake Thursday morning (8:30 AM). Rustic cabin lodging is available for Wednesday evening prior the trip. Dinner and breakfast are also available. There is an additional cost for lodging and meals so please [contact us](#) for information about such and to make reservations. Directions to the meeting location will be provided upon registration. We will depart for the trailhead once we are packed. *Anyone interested in arriving at our meeting point in Schroon Lake Wednesday afternoon to begin packing for this trip is encouraged to do so. Just let us know so we can get more information to you regarding such.*

We provide lightweight camping gear (*excluding sleeping bag), cooking gear, meals & snacks (Thurs. lunch through Sat. lunch) for this guided outing. Expect to share a tent with another person, unless a solo tent is requested or necessary to accommodate gender differences. Our tents are roomy 3 person tents with 2 doors. Each occupant has a door for convenient entry & exit.

Reservations are required for this trip, preferably a month or more prior. Last minute inquiries are welcome. Please [contact us](#) for more information about this opportunity.

*NOTE: * Sleeping bags can be provided, if necessary, for an additional fee. Solo tent requests may be available for an additional \$30. Solo tents are also available to accommodate gender differences for no additional fee. Group size is limited to 4 people OR 2-3 tents.*

Cost: \$435/person based on double tent occupancy.

Driving directions to our Schroon Lake meeting location, a recommended clothing & gear list, a medical form and release of liability waiver, information for the trip meals along with other information to help you prepare for this 3-day experience will be provided once the trip deposit is received. Reservations are confirmed when payment is received.